

## British Columbia Transmission Corporation

### Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement Project

Comment Invited on Draft Terms of Reference for BCTC's  
Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate

British Columbia Transmission Corporation (BCTC) is a provincial Crown corporation responsible for managing, operating, and maintaining most of the provincial power transmission system and its interconnections with the larger North American grid. In order to meet current and projected electricity demand on Vancouver Island and to maintain reliable grid operations, BCTC is proposing to replace and upgrade the two existing 138 kV overhead transmission lines and submarine cables (1L17/1L18) connecting southern Vancouver Island, Salt Spring Island and Galiano Island to the Lower Mainland with two new 230 kV transmission lines.

The Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement Project is subject to review under British Columbia's Environmental Assessment Act, S.B.C.2002, c.43. As part of the review process, BCTC's Draft Terms of Reference for an Environmental Assessment Certificate application (Application) are being made available for public comment. The purpose of the Terms of Reference is to identify the information that must be included in BCTC's Application. Approved Terms of Reference will be issued by the Environmental Assessment Office following consideration of comments on the Draft Terms of Reference. BCTC will then be required to prepare its Application in accordance with the Approved Terms of Reference.

An electronic copy of the Draft Terms of Reference, as well as additional information regarding the Project and the environmental assessment process, is available through the Environmental Assessment Office's Project Information Centre at [www.eao.gov.bc.ca](http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca). Copies of the Draft Terms of Reference are also available at:

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4683 – 51st Street  
Delta, B.C. V4K 2V8

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1321A – 56th Street  
Delta, B.C. V4L 2A6

Vancouver Island Regional Library  
Cowichan Branch  
2687 James Street  
Duncan, B.C. V9L 2X5

Salt Spring Island Public Library  
129 McPhillips Avenue  
Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2T6

Islands Trust Office  
#1 – 500 Lower Ganges Road  
Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2N8

Galiano Island Community Library  
2540 Sturdies Bay Road,  
Galiano Island B.C. V0N 1P0

Comments submitted by the public will be posted, as originally submitted, on the Environmental Assessment Office's Project Information Centre. Personal information such as full address, e-mail address, and telephone number, will be made public unless your comments indicate that this information should NOT be made public. Also, unless you indicate otherwise, your name and personal information will be also be added to the EAO database.

Comments on the draft Terms of Reference must be received by the Environmental Assessment Office by April 22, 2005. Please mail your comments to:

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